



Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

Services to Youth - Year in Review July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Youth Ages 16-24*

Served in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program served **9,143** youths age 16 to 24* during SFY 2014.

1,201 of these consumers were placed in employment, with an average hourly wage of **\$11.13**

Employed young consumers worked an average of **26.9** hours per week.

100 young consumers participated in the Youth Leadership Network and **46** participated in the Youth Leadership Forum in SFY2015. These programs promote self-advocacy and self-awareness, and employment and independent living skills for teens and young adults with disabilities ages 14 to 26.

During SFY2015, MRC provided paid summer internship experiences for **207** young consumers across the Commonwealth through the Transitional Internship Program (TIP) and Worcester Area Office internship programs. These internships provide employment related skills and guidance, and references to facilitate permanent future employment opportunities. Based on these successes, MRC significantly expanded summer internship opportunities to start out FY2016.

**Age at application for MRC services.*

Who Are Our Young Consumers?

Male	58.1%
Female	41.9%

Age Profile*	% Served
16	1.9%
17	12.5%
18	28.9%
19	22.7%
20	10.1%
21	7.0%
22	5.8%
23	5.8%
24	5.4%

Referral Source

688 Referral	34.0%
Lead Education Agency	18.5%
TAC-Assigned	0.3%
Other Referral Source	47.2%

Disability Profile

Sensory/Communicative	7.8%
Physical/Mobility	8.9%
Cognitive/Psychological	83.3%

FACTS AT A GLANCE

The goal of our services is to promote dignity through employment and community living, one person at a time. We hope all citizens with disabilities in Massachusetts will have the opportunity to contribute as a productive member of their community and family as a result of services provided by the MRC.

Youths actively receiving services	9,143
Youths enrolled in training/education programs	6,894
Average hourly wage for employed youths	\$11.13